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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN, addressing people of Russia and Red China from Voice of America's new "floating transmitter", the U S Coast Guard cutter, *Courier*: "We are your friends. There are no differences between us that cannot be settled if your rulers will turn from their senseless policy of hate and terror, and follow the principles of peace." 1-Q
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Gen DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, in a letter to a New Hampshire admirer, concerning action in the coming preferential primary: "I suggest you support Taft." (Considered significant since MacArthur's name also appears on the ballot.) 2-Q
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Justice SHERMAN MINTON, delivering a Supreme Court decision, upholding N Y law barring subversive personnel from state school system: "A teacher works in a sensitive area (shaping) young minds toward the society in which

they live. That school authorities have the right and duty to screen employees as to their fitness to maintain the integrity of the schools as a part of ordered society, cannot be doubted." 3-Q
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Sen RICHARD B RUSSELL, (D-Ga): "No honest candidate for public office in these times can consider the tempting prospect of promising all things to all men." 4-Q
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BRYCE B SMITH, former Kans City mayor, after visiting Pres Truman: "You know, I forgot to ask him whether he intended to seek re-election but he sure acted like he will. I'd say Harry is running a mile a min." 5-Q
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WM L LAURENCE, science reporter for *N Y Times*, describing tactical atomic weapons as deterrent to war: "World War III has become impossible. And in a sense by making it impossible, it has been fought and won." 6-Q

T W E L F T H Y E A R O F P U B L I C A T I O N



Sen Richard B Russell, of Ga, last wk figuratively tacked a notice on the front door of Blair House. Its 3 ominous words: "Do not run!" Realistic politicians (including Russell himself) take a dim view of his chances to win nomination. But that isn't the significant point. Russell symbolizes 8 Southern states with 95 electoral votes (118 if N Carolina and Arkansas go along). This means bluntly that the Democratic Convention will have to reckon with the Southerners on nominee and platform, or accept the consequences. Failure to do so invites a revival of the Dixiecrat Party. Since Administration forces will dominate the Convention, the latter course is indicated (but we do not think Russell will be the Dixiecrat standard-bearer). This time the Southerners are in deadly earnest. They are better organized

than in '48, when they withheld only 38 electoral votes from Truman. This introduction of a regional third party naturally enhances Republican prospects. But there is also the possibility of an indecisive election, with the contest determined in the House of Representatives. What happens then? In the House, voting will be by states. A simple majority (25 states) is sufficient to win. Thus it is entirely plausible that in a major-party deadlock, the Dixiecrat might emerge the victor.

Gen Eisenhower is suffering at the hands of his friends. Inept management, cheap showmanship and questionable tactics present the General in a bad light. Inside story on the McCrary TV program: a "plant" by Eisenhower forces to "show up" Taft. Backfired badly. No one suggests Gen Eisenhower would be a party to such shoddy practices. But his cause badly needs more political sagacity, less Hollywood hoopla.

Daily for the past month, *Wall St Jnl* has carried a stock line in its front-page World News round-up: "Korean Truce Talks drag on."



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ATOMIC AGE—1

Atomic energy, as all other forms of energy, is fundamentally harmless. It is the mind of man wherein the danger lies. — DONALD H LOUGHRISE, Ass't Director, Div'n of Reaction Development, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, "Education — The Primary Atomic Control," *School Science & Mathematics*, 2-52.

ATTITUDE—2

Disappointments should be cremated, not embalmed.—COLM BORGAN, *Local Gov't Service*, London.

BOOKS—3

Books are no substitute for living, but they can add immeasurably to its richness. When life is absorbing, books can enhance our sense of its significance. When life is difficult, they can give us momentary release from trouble or a new insight into our problems, or provide the hrs of refreshment we need.—MAY HILL ARBUTHNOT, *Children & Books* (Scott).

CHANGE—4

Minds change. You were brought up to abhor "cold storage" foods. Now you have a cold storage plant of your own at home. — HARVEY CAMPBELL, *Detroiter*.

CHILD—Guidance—5

If the children of the past have become neurotic adults because of the systematic repression and frustration practiced on them by their parents and teachers, the children

of the future are threatened by an equally bad neurosis because they have not been initiated into any principle of growth or integration.

—HERBERT READ, *The Grass Roots of Art* (Wittenborn).

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Thought For Today

Remember this maxim

In life's rugged pull:
You can't hit the bull's-eye
By shooting the bull!—*Seng Fellowship News*, hm, Seng Co. 6

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CITIZENS—Franchise—7

People who are inclined to scoff when reminded that every vote is important, might be more impressed if they consider what happened in New Haven, Conn., in the city election. Here is a city with a pop of 164,443, out of which a total of 69,712 went to the polls. The results were so close that a recount was demanded and the court ruled that the incumbent mayor won by the scant margin of just 2 votes.—*United Mine Workers Jnl.*

COMMUNISM—8

By Party order, American Communists hereafter will not meet in gatherings larger than 3 persons—thus shortening the odds on which one is the FBI undercover man.—*Calgary Herald* (Canada).

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Words of Wisdom

From a Statistical Survey issued by the State of Maryland: "If more men lived longer, it would increase the total number of them in the population."

Bulletin, U S Dep't of Labor: "As employment increases, unemployment is expected to decrease."

Chicago literary critic, commenting on careers of Rosas and Peron: "Both ruled almost exactly 100 yrs apart."

Nebraska Conservation Report: "Only one of Nebraska's 93 counties is completely devoid of lakes, rivers or creeks. Fish have never been stocked in this dry county." 9

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COMMUNISM—Religion—10

I soon discovered that Soviet newspapers carried no word of scandals, suicides or crimes. I once asked Deputy Minister S N Sergelev why this was so. He silenced me by saying "That is true also in the West. Look at your splendid *Christian Science Monitor*. Where is their news of murder, suicide and death?"

"That is entirely different," I insisted. "Christian Science is a religion."

"And so," Mr Sergelev replied, "is Communism." — NICHOLAS NYARADI (former Hungarian Finance Minister) *My Ringside Seat in Moscow* (Crowell).

CULTURE—11

Ours is not so much an age of vulgarity as of vulgarization; everything is tampered with or touched up, or adulterated or watered down, in an effort to make it palatable, in an effort to make it pay. What we need for cultural health today is what we needed and got for our physical health

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45 yrs ago: Pure Food & Drug Laws concerning thought and feeling. But I don't think we shall get them. — LOUIS KRONENBERGER, "The Spirit of the Age," *American Scholar*, Winter 1951-52.

EASTER—12

Out of all history you'll find but one world conqueror who came with clean hands—and those hands the soldiers pierced with iron spikes when they nailed the Nazarene to the cross. — IRVIN S COBB in *Behold the Man*, edited by RALPH L WOODS.

EASTER—Legend—13

The Greeks have a legend that the cross was made from mistletoe, which was once a very sturdy tree, but which since that time has degenerated because of its accursed use, until it is now a miserable parasite. The Romans declared that the cross was made of aspen wood and since that time the aspen leaves have never failed to tremble in remorse and apprehension. — PAUL E HOLDRAFT, *Cyclopedia of Bible Illustrations* (Abingdon-Cokesbury).

EDUCATION—14

Three "tests" of an educated man were given by Sydney H. Wood, principal ass't sec'y of the British Administration of Education until his retirement some 4 years ago. He believed a man could reasonably claim to be "educated" if he could answer the following 3 questions in the affirmative:

Can you entertain a new idea?

Can you entertain another person?

Can you entertain yourself? — *Property*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.



The opinion polls, still smarting as a result of their sorry showing in the Fall of '48, are taking steps to improve the accuracy of their forecasts in the '52 Presidential election. It is now generally conceded that pollsters stumbled on 2 major points: (1) They failed to take cognizance of a substantial and significant last-minute switch. (A keen observer asserts that Truman won in 48 hrs prior to election.) (2) Too little attention was given the "undecided" group.

EMPLOYMENT—15

A man in Sydney, Australia, was arrested after a short fling at an up-to-date racket. Four times he obtained work, then telephoned anonymously to warn the employer that he had just taken on a Communist. All 4 firms sacked him at once with a wk's pay in lieu of notice.—*UN World*.

FACT—16

Men's minds become blunted to facts when the facts are both big and unchanging in kind, just as high mountains tend not to be noticed or to be noticed less than at first sight, when one sees them every day.—Geo Glasgow, *Contemporary Review*, London.

FOREIGN AID—17

In Washington a Sub-committee on Export Policies and Controls is working on statistics to determine how much we have spent in Europe since World War II. Estimates range from \$30 billion to \$93 billion, but no figure has been set.—*Trends*, NAM publication.

In the coming election forecasts, interviewers generally will be instructed to telegraph their final results, thus substantially cutting down the time lag. Gallup, in particular, will approach the "undecided" voter with a new series of questions designed primarily to determine, within the law of probabilities, who is likely to vote, and for whom ballot will be cast.

The pollsters were wrong in '48. That, of course, is the significant fact. Yet it is only fair to point out that, even so, the margin of error was relatively small. Conditions of the '48 campaign may not be duplicated in a generation. But the opinion polls have learned their lesson. They are not going to take any chances.

"They haven't laid the foundation for the Presidential campaign yet," observes *Pathfinder*, "but already they are beginning to dig up the dirt."

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I think it is not irreligious to parody Paul's chapter on love, for love of country is important, too:

"Tho I speak with the tongues of a Wm Jennings Bryan or Franklin D Roosevelt, and do not vote, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And tho I have the gift of prophecy, even as the Gallup poll, and understand all knowledge, even as the mbrs of the Supreme Court; and tho I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and do not vote, I accomplish nothing. And tho I bestow all my goods to feed the poor thru contributions to the Community Chest, and tho I give my body to be burned in the ravages of war and do not vote, it profiteth my country nothing."—DICK BLANCHARD, *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*. 18

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FREEDOM—19

We're a nation of salesmen and yet we have fallen down on the sale of the greatest product America possesses—freedom.—DONALD R WILSON, Nat'l Comdr, American Legion at luncheon of business and civic leaders in N Y.

FREE ENTERPRISE—20

I tell you it's a great system we live under when we can do good for others just by honestly and fairly trying to do good for ourselves.—LELAND I DORAN, *Nation's Business*.

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GOD—and Man—21

From a Christian view, the only ground for believing in the value of the individual is the prior belief in God, and therefore in man as God's creature. This needs very much to be said in our present-day democracy, because we tend to overlook or deny this religious basis. We are betrayed by the practical materialism of our everyday life, and by the academic materialism which flourishes so widely on our campuses. And so it should be said very plainly that materialism, whether Marxian or any other variety, offers no solid basis for the democratic belief in the value of the individual.—Rev C A PENNINGTON, "Only God's City Can be Eternal," *U S A*, 3-'52.

GOVT—Expenditures—22

Paying for things by way of Washington is not the way to save money. Experience has taught us that a dollar seldom travels to Washington and comes back whole.—ALLAN B KLINE, pres, American Farm Bureau, quoted in *Farm Jnl.*

HAPPINESS—23

Beauty, charm, even mental qualities attract men much less than a woman's capacity to be happy. This should be understood by every woman. In this lies the mysterious charm of women who, tho not beautiful, sometimes no longer young, attract every man.—BORIS SOKLOFF, quoted in *N Y Times Mag.*

HOPE—Lack—24

There are no hopeless situations; there are only men who have grown hopeless about them. —CLARE BOOTHE LUCE.

HUMAN NATURE—25

How strange it is that we allow ourselves to be emotionally stirred over the fact of the death of Christ and yet seem to be so totally indifferent to the values for which He died. — Rev HAROLD COOKE PHILLIPS, *Missions*.

HYPOCRISY—26

A hypocrite is like a pin—points one way and heads the other. — *Kentucky Utilities News*.

INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—27

It is particularly up to us Americans to write the Middle Eastern peoples a 1st class ticket. First class nations are either your enemies or your friends. It is easier to deal with either than with a hopeless mass of half-starved and hysterical humanity, prime Communist fodder.—CARLETON S COON, Prof of Anthropology, U of Pa, "The Impact of the West on Middle Eastern Social Institutions," *Proceedings of the Academy of Political Science*, 1-'52.

INTOLERANCE—28

The one thing that needs emphasizing, day in and day out, is that the spread of intolerance is not primarily a danger to the intended victims but to the whole country. — ERIC JOHNSTON, *The American Observer*.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—29

Delinquency is a measure of adult neglect of children, for the children are all right when we get them.—EARL C KELLEY, *Agricultural Education Mag.*

KINDNESS—30

Kindness is the greatest unused capital in the world.—*War Cry*.

"Of all things!"

Newspaper men, so often lambasted of late by Pres Truman, talk seriously of reviving the written-question-and-answer method. This was the technique scrupulously observed by Herbert Hoover, but cast aside by FDR. . . Washington rumor has it that Pres Truman now exacts a pledge from callers not to divulge to the press anything he says to them.

One of these days, if you ask for "gas" at a filling station, you may get just that. For some time tractors have been propelled by propane-butane gases. Intenat'l Harvester this wk announced a line of Underwriter-listed trucks fueled with propane-butane. Passenger cars next?

Answering a flood of inquiries concerning *Krilium*, the new soil-conditioner developed by Monsanto Chemical Co (QUOTE, Wk of Jan 13): "We have more requests for samples than we can fill in the next 5 yrs," says a Monsanto exec. Limited quantities are now being distributed to agricultural colleges for further testing. A sales unit will be established and gen'l distribution begun in '53. Probable price: 25 cts a lb.

Hitler's yacht, *The Grille*, is now being torn down at Bordentown, N J. It will yield an estimated 3,300 tons of metal to the scrap-hungry steel industry.

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Gen Dwight D Eisenhower has a secret worry. Geo W Herald, a United Features Syndicate writer, assigned to the Gen'l's staff, discusses it in the Mar issue of *U S A*, the new monthly of the Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers. That worry is the comparatively high compensation of American troops. It is a condition that may be further aggravated if the Senate follows the House in granting a proposed 10% pay hike to servicemen. At present, an Italian gen'l draws less than a U S sergeant, assigned as his clerk. "What sort of comradeship can develop between soldiers separated by a veritable material abyss?" asks the French gen'l Juin. "Especially if the rich fellow is stationed in the poor man's country?"

Anyone interested in the problems of the aging (as we all one day will be) should consult the Jan '52 issue of *Annals of the American Academy of Political & Social Science*. The entire issue is devoted to this topic. Twenty-one articles by authorities in various fields. An excellent reference source.

The Herald (London) organ of Britain's Labor Party, is currently warning Queen Elizabeth to be "constantly on the alert" against the counsels of Prime Minister Churchill.

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KNOWLEDGE—31

It is not hard to learn more. What is hard is to unlearn when you discover yourself wrong.—Dr MARTIN H FISCHER, *Fischerisms* (Fabing).

LABOR—Education—32

A novel experiment in labor education will be tried in Minneapolis April 28. That day has been set aside by the school board as Labor Education Day. The children will get the day off to let their 3,000 teachers go to school and learn about organized labor's philosophy, history, objectives, and policies.—*AFL News-Reporter*.

LANGUAGE—33

At a women's conf a mbr pointed out that the tyranny of man appeared no less in the laws of grammar than in the laws of the land. While the masculine personal pronoun has 3 distinct forms, *he*, *his* and *him*, the feminine has only two, *she* and *her*. She suggested as a remedy for this gross piece of injustice that the feminine pronoun should be declined *she*, *shis* and *shim*.

If I could recall the lady's name and discover shis address I should write to him to congratulate him on shis ingenious and attractive proposal.—P B BALLARD, *Thought & Language*.

LIFE—Creed—34

Three rules of life were given me some yrs ago. I pass them on, for I have found them practical: The 1st is "Go," the 2nd is "Keep Going," and the 3rd is "Help someone else to go."—THEO ADAMS, quoted in *Royle Forum*, hm, John Royle & Sons.

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Mar 30-Apr 5

It was 85 yrs ago (Mar 30, 1867) that the U S purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000. And don't you suppose the Russians would like to have it back today, at 10 times the price?

Fifty yrs later (Mar 31, 1917) the U S made another purchase. We picked up the Virgin Islands (formerly known as Dutch West Indies) from Denmark. Real estate values had advanced a bit in the interval. We paid \$25 million for that island group.

Seventy yrs ago (Mar 31, 1882) U S began pensioning widows of Presidents. Began as relief measure for Mrs Garfield, who needed the money badly. There's still no legal basis for action, but Congress customarily votes \$5,000 a yr pension to widows of Presidents.

No, Andrew Carnegie didn't start the circulating library. That honor goes to Benj Franklin and associates in the *Junto*. They ordered 1st books 220 yrs ago (Mar 31, 1732). And it wasn't the free library we know today. Dues were 10 shillings a yr.

No one knows the origin of the April Fool custom. It is marked in many lands, and traces far back into antiquity. It is generally supposed to have had some connection with the Spring equinox.

First U S Mint established in Philadelphia Apr 2, 1792. It was housed, incidentally, in the 1st bldg erected in the U S for public use.

The 1st gasoline-powered vehicle was not an automobile. Eighty yrs ago (Apr 2, 1872) Geo Brayton patented his gasoline engine, powering a street car (old No. 13) in Providence, R I. Advent of relatively cheap electric power soon doomed the cumbersome gasoline car.

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Fateful April

April has been a fateful month for the U S. Our Revolutionary and Civil wars began in April. The Spanish-American war started with the ultimatum to Spain, Apr 20, 1898. And the U S entered World War I on Apr 6, 1917.

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The 1st motion picture theatre opened in Los Angeles 50 yrs ago (Apr 2, 1902). It was a circus-front tent show; admission 10¢.

Our 1st President was first to exercise the veto power. One hundred and sixty yrs ago (Apr 5, 1792) Geo Washington vetoed a bill for the apportionment of representation.

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My Creed

DEAN ALFANGE

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon—if I can. I seek opportunity—not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done. All this is what it means to be an American.—*This Wk.*

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LOVE—35

To love is to suffer; not to love is to die.—H A Taine, French critic & historian, *La Femme et la Vie*, Paris (QUOTE translation).

MATERIALISM—36

Materialism is a system of thought that makes it possible not to think of real things.—OSCAR OSTLUND, *Indiana Issue*, Indiana Temperance League.

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MODERN AGE—37

A bureaucrat, we are told, whirled on a subordinate with the blunt crack: "You're fired; go turn in your ulcer."—*RCA Family News*, hm, RCA Victor Co.

MONEY—38

If Christopher Columbus established a business firm in America the day he discovered this continent, and he and his successors in that firm managed their affairs so poorly that they lost \$1000 a day, they would have to operate until the yr 4232 to pile up the 1st billion in losses.—U S Chamber of Commerce.

OPINION—39

Polls have found that public opinion is not fickle, but remarkably stable. It changes very slowly. It is a force for conservatism. The changes are usually in response to big emotional events, far more than response to propaganda. The American people have a lot of horse sense. They cannot be fooled.—WM A LYDGATE, editor, Gallup Poll, addressing Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers.

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Most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do.—PROF JAS H ROBINSON, *McCall's*.

ORIGIN: "No stone unturned" 40

A fleeing Persian gen'l had buried a treasure. The Delphic Oracle recommended that the searcher *leave no stone unturned* if he would be successful in locating the hidden cache. The phrase as used today means to omit no minutiae if you wish to succeed.—DAVID T ARMSTRONG, *Ladies' Home Journal*.

PHILOSOPHY—41

A farmer once had a fine ewe which gave birth to 2 lambs. When one lamb died the farmer remarked, "Well, I'd rather have one fat lamb than 2 skinny ones." Still later, the other lamb died, and he reflected, "Well, it's all for the best. Now the ewe won't be bothered with them." When a wk later the ewe died, the farmer was still philosophical. "Well, it's all for the best," said he, "but I'll be darned if I can figure it out." — *Pipe Dreams*, hm, Universal Concrete Pipe Co.



If we were not primarily amused, we might be sore disturbed by the bill of Rep Velde, of Ill, demanding a complete list of all "subversive material" in the Library of Congress. Mr Velde is presumably a patron of the library and should know better.

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Symbol

*My faith is all a doubtful thing,
Wove on a doubtful loom,
Until there comes, each show-
ery spring,
A cherry tree in bloom;
And Christ, who died upon a
tree
That death had stricken bare,
Comes beautifully back to me,
In blossoms everywhere.* —
DAVID MORTON, *Ships in Harbor*.
(Putnam). 42

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PROGRESS—43

*"The boatman reacheth the land-
ing, partly by pulling, partly by
letting go; the archer striketh the
target, partly by pulling, partly by
letting go."*

Some sage of ancient Egypt thus expressed simply the forces of action and reaction—the observation of common sense that progress is not solely achieved by effort perpetually applied in one direction. — *Property*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

Assuming one could gather what, in Washington, would be known as a "task force" of 1000 censors, who would agree on what is and is not subversive — and assuming further that the flood of new material could in some way be scotched for a generation — these 1,000 censors could make a cursory examination of the books and pamphlets in the Library of Congress in approx 30 yrs. By Washington standards, such an assignment shouldn't cost much more than \$250 million.

But our concern is with the underlying philosophy. The core of our conflict with Iron Curtain countries is that they deny their peoples knowledge of democratic principles and precepts. Should we pursue a further provision of the Velde bill and post this list of toxic tomes in every library of the land, we would in effect be pursuing the tactics of the dictator. Is the case of democracy grown so weak and wavering we must shield our citizenry from the dissenting voice?

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Congressman's Soliloquy

To tax, or not to tax?
 To borrow, or not to borrow?
 To inflate, or not to inflate?
 To spend, or not to spend?
 That is the question.

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to use my common sense, and suffer the slings and arrows of my disgruntled constituents, or to make sure of their votes by trading support with other groups, and thus giving them what they think they want? To vote; to trade; and by a trade to get a plum for my own district by giving scores of plums to others. What if the grand load is beyond imagination? What if we mortgage our children to give ourselves a Roman holiday? 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished. To vote; to trade; perchance to lose; aye, there's the rub; for in that fall election what things may happen when my vote is beyond recall must give me pause. Thus expediency does make cowards of us all.—C. S. CRAWFORD, *Denver Post.*

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SELF ANALYSIS—45

Everybody, in his secret moments, has a lower opinion of himself than he would like society to believe; but the immature person frets about this, while the mature person seeks solace in the thought that we are all in the same boat.—SYDNEY HARRIS, *Chicago News*

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SELF—Appreciation—46

I want . . . to associate with a perfect companion. Years ago I found him . . . I hail with delight the opportunity of sitting alone and conversing with myself.—WM. ARTHUR DEACON, *A Book of Canadian Humor* (Robins & Ray).

SELF—Reliance—47

A student will not be worth his salt if he doesn't soon turn from a copycat into a self-propelled person with the idea of someday surpassing the skill of the master. This challenge must be continually in the air if we are to make sure that the younger generation will turn out better workers than their forefathers.—JAS. MCKINNEY, exec v-pres, American Technical Society, Chicago, "An Outsider Looks In," *Industrial Arts & Vocational Education*, 2-52.

SEXES—48

Actually, the so-called weaker sex is the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.—*Journeyman Barber*.

TIME—49

Our days are like identical suitcases; all the same size, but some people can pack more into them than others.—P. L. ANDARR, *Advance*.

THOUGHT—50

Not the least of the effects of industrialism is that we become mechanized in mind, and consequently attempt to provide solutions in terms of engineering for problems which are essentially problems of life.—T. S. ELIOT, "The Man of Letters and the Future of Europe," *Horizon*.

VALUES—51

The Chinese tell of a man who, seeking wealth and distinction, determined to cast a bell. Tho he worked under a great master, his bell proved brittle. In a 2nd effort, the bell was loud and shrill. Then the man resolved to fashion a bell, not for fame or fortune, but for his own enduring satisfaction. The tone of this last bell was so captivating, people stopped when they heard it, and inquired where the creator could be found. The man became rich and famous. — *Photo Magazin*, Munich, Germany (QUOTE translation).

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Travel Check

From folly's heights to depths
of woe

Is usually not too far to go;
But tho the trip is not extensive,

It's almost always quite expensive! — INA S STEVALL,
Wall St Jnl. 52

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WAR—53

War is a disease of society just as schizophrenia is a disease of the human personality, and society can only be cured of its ills by returning to its "biological heritage of cooperation and true social integration." —WM GALT, "The Principle of Cooperation in Behaviour," *Quarterly Review of Biology*.

YOUTH—54

Younger Generation—What the present generation is rearing for the older generation to worry about.—*Outdoor Indiana*.



In Czechoslovakia the Communists were conducting a purge. An old gypsy was brought before the commissar. "How long," asked the commissar, "have you been in the Party?" "Many yrs, Herr Commissar."

"And your father?"

"Oh, he was a member, too, and my grandfather and my great-grandfather." "Now listen," said the commissar dubiously, "back in those days there was no Party." "Oh, that didn't make any difference," repl'd the gypsy, "We were stealing anyway!" — *Nebelspalter* (Switzerland).

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Czechoslovak farmwife, paying 30,000 crowns (in soon-to-be-devalued currency) for operating table: "I can make 2 prs of shoes from the leather cover."

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Persons whose only adjective
Is "swell" should voyage on a
sieve,

Should try to leap the Canyon
Grand,

Or dine upon a meal of sand,
Or go out strolling in a squall
Of ninety mi's a minute—all
Of which ideas, I may as well
Admit, I think are simply swell.

—JOHN NIXON, Jr, *English Jnl.* 55

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Good Stories

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you can use

The old army drill sergeant had been warned by superior brass that he must exercise patience with the new recruits. And he was specifically forbidden to apply epithets reflecting upon the raw material—no matter how raw it might be.

But on this occasion, even the simplest orders, delivered in the sergeant's loudest voice, seemed to miss fire. Finally, in despair black and bleak, he stood back hands on his hips, and glared at the recruits.

Then, suddenly, he had an idea. Disappearing around a corner of a barracks b'dg, he presently ret'd leading the company mascot, a large police dog.

"Here, pal," he said, with a supreme effort at self-control, "see what you can do with 'em!"—DAN BENNET.

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Fellow we know stopped to watch some kids playing cowboy. He was fascinated to discover that as the tots cavorted they seemed all to be humming a tune—something that sounded like a cross between Sousa and Irving Berlin.

Fellow accosted one of the boys and asked how come.

"Oh," said the jr Gene Autry, "that's background music — you know, like they got on television."—*Indianapolis Times.*

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

JEAN BANNERMAN

Due to the housing shortage in Ottawa, the Browns and Barbers, friends of mine, shared a large house, and often went out together.

At a party one evening, a new young man in town, who didn't know about this arrangement, was introduced to Mrs Brown. He commented that, earlier in the evening, he had noticed her with her husband, indicating Mr Barber in a nearby group. "Oh, he isn't my husband," said Mrs Brown sweetly, "we live together."

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This story is going around Europe. A hunter went out with a longe-range rifle, and came upon a huge bear. The bear was not as well-armed, but he had claws and wit. So he asked the hunter, "What are you looking for?" Said the hunter, "I want to get myself a fur coat." "Well," said the bear, "I'm looking for my breakfast. Why not come around to my den, and we'll talk it over."

The hunter and the bear sat down to work out an agreement. After a while the bear got up all alone. They had reached a compromise. The bear had got his breakfast, and the hunter had on his fur coat.—*Worldover Press.* e



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Shortly before World War II the president of a women's club in a mid-western community made an "investigating" tour of Europe. After an absence of 6 wks, about half of which was spent coming-and-going, she came forward with a lecture, "First-Hand Information on the Political Condition of Europe."

I attended. The speaker told of conditions in France, which were alarming; of Chamberlain and his umbrella; of Italy and Mussolini; of Hitler and his power over Germany; of the low countries; of the smouldering in Czechoslovakia, and then she concluded: "I cannot tell you much about Russia because I was sick that day."—SARA ANN BROWN. d

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A certain automotive shop operator had just ret'd from a trip to Fla and was telling the boys that turn out the work for him about his deep sea fishing trip. He hadn't caught anything to brag about, but his descriptions of the big ones that got away really were something.

Finally "Slim," one of those dour individuals who doesn't care for fishing and hates to waste time, broke in with: "Say, Boss. Do you think those fish might have swum home and bragged about the size of the bait they stole off the hook?"—Automotive Digest. e

The Gov't should be glad the taxpayers have what it takes. —Pathfinder.

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Asking the boss for a raise is a patriotic duty these days. The Gov't needs that additional tax on your salary.—Cog.

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With inflation the way it is, guys who used to have brakes that could stop on a dime now only have them good enough to stop on a quarter.—Automotive Digest.

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An old carpenter who had long kept my summer cottage in excellent repair came to the big city to see the wonders of which I had told him.

I escorted him around, proudly showing the points of interest, but he made no comment. Finally, we visited the busiest corner in the city, with towering bldgs all around. I could see now that he was properly awed.

Contemplating the scene for some time, the old carpenter finally walked purposefully to the edge of the curb. Raising his thumb at arm's length, shoulder level, he squinted intently down the row of skyscrapers. Finally he spoke:

"Get 'em pretty plumb, don't they?"—JANET C PETERS. f

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Quote-ettes

DON W MCCOLLY, Sec'y-Treas Calif State Farm Bureau, mailing a shirt to his congressman: "You are taking now, in taxes, almost everything but my shirt. You might as well have that." (Hopes to get a million men to follow his example). 1-Q-t

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WILLIE SUTTON, recently apprehended criminal, when asked why he robbed banks: "I rob banks because that's where the money is." 2-Q-t

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BETTY CALAMUSA, age 39, preparing to shed 12th husband: "I love them when I marry them, but, well, I guess you might say I'm just too fickle." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the

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Products which serve in multiple ways are always welcome news. One such new product, called *Freewax*, will wax floors and kill insects in a single application.

Here's news of a plaster-paint combination. Mfr, Superior Paint and Varnish Corp'n, 2256 N Elston, Chicago 14, Ill, says one coat of product will plaster and paint walls and ceiling at only 10% of usual costs. Can be used without undercoat or sealer, right over dry wall board, new or old cracked

plaster, wallpaper, wood, or composition. Brush or roll it on, then sponge or comb for different texture designs. White, or 9 non-fading colors.

Killing insects and plastering walls are sometimes easier than house-breaking pups or kittens. You may be glad to know of liquid cleaner made by Skour-Nu, 42 W 15th St, N Y. According to mfr, product not only removes stains and odors, but discourages pet from repeating his mistakes.

